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BACKGROUND

s.21(1)(b)

Chief Justice McLachlin's retirement will require the Prime Minister to select a new Chief Justice. The Chief Justice oversees the work of the Court and presides over its hearings. The Chief Justice serves as chairperson of the Canadian Judicial Council, chair of the Board of Governors of the National Judicial Institute, and chair of the advisory committee on membership in the Order of Canada. Upon the death, absence or incapacitation of the Governor General, the Chief Justice becomes the Administrator of Canada and exercises the powers of the Governor General.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Chief Justice of Canada is appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.

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